



April 28, 2017

The Honorable Will Hurd
U.S. House of Representatives
317 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robin Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Udall
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gerry Connolly
U.S. House of Representatives
2238 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 2227, the Modernizing Government Technology Act

Dear Congressman Hurd, Congresswoman Kelly, Congressman Connolly, Senator Udall, and Senator Moran:

On behalf of our customers, we applaud your leadership and commitment to transforming federal information technology (IT) through the Modernizing Government Technology Act (MGT Act), H.R. 2227. At Amazon Web Services, we believe in putting our customers first by giving them the right tools to enable success, and similarly this bipartisan and bicameral legislation gives our customers the funding mechanisms they need to move to more modern and secure federal IT systems and services.

The MGT Act allows agencies to modernize aging and vulnerable systems and migrate to innovative technologies such as commercial cloud computing. By giving agencies more control over IT investments, the bill creates more strategic, efficient, and common-sense incentives for agency buyers without compromising transparency and oversight. Flexible funding mechanisms like the agency working capital funds in this piece of legislation enable the adoption of the most secure, cutting-edge commercial technologies that the private sector has long adopted.

The commitment of both Republican and Democrat members in both the House and the Senate on the MGT Act and previous versions of the legislation represents an acknowledgment that Congress must act to improve and secure federal IT. This bill gives the federal government the chance to provide better constituent services that citizens have grown to expect and deserve.

Again, we applaud the introduction of the MGT Act and urge Congress to act this year to pass the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SBlock".

Steve Block
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